

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 728

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J.B. Shockley of
Morristown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed former colleague and cherished friend, J. B. Shockley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockley was an exemplary legislator and public servant as well as a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, J.B. was born March 14, 1929 in Tazewell, Tennessee, the son of the late Tilmon and Bessie Bull Shockley, and grew up attending the primary and secondary public schools of Claiborne County; his pursuit of post secondary education at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate was interrupted by his valorous service in the 3rd Infantry Division of the United States Army during the Korean War and its aftermath from 1952-54; and

WHEREAS, having been honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant, Mr. Shockley resumed his studies and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from LMU in 1954; in 1955 he earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and later earned further post graduate hours; and

WHEREAS, for 35 years J.B. Shockley was an outstanding teacher and school administrator, serving with great ability as principal of the John Hay Elementary School for 17 years and as Superintendent of schools from 1957-61, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hamblen County elected Mr. Shockley to serve on the County Commission where he worked effectively in their behalf for six years; in 1976 he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives serving in the 90th through 93rd General Assemblies, and in 1982, he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate for the 94th and 95th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished service in the Tennessee House of Representatives, J.B. Shockley served on the Education Committee and the Conservation and Environment Committee, and while in the Tennessee Senate he served ably on the Transportation Committee, the Government Operations Committee and the General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee; a stalwart Republican, he also served as Treasurer of the Senate Minority Caucus; and

WHEREAS, following his tenure in the General Assembly, Mr. Shockley was employed as Sales Manager of Lawson's Manufacturing Company, Inc. and was involved in real estate sales and development as a Coldwell Banker Realty affiliate; the people of Morristown honored Mr. Shockley by electing him Mayor in 1995, in which position he served until 1999; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley was an active and devout charter member of the Manley Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as its first Minister of Music, trustee, deacon and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, eager to employ his considerable talents and his time in behalf of civic and service organizations, Mr. Shockley was a member of VFW Post #5266; Executive Secretary of the Morristown Homebuilders Association, where he was planner and director of the Association's Parade of Homes from 1964-77; Board of Directors, Morristown Chamber of Commerce; Hamblen County Republican Executive Committee; Morristown Kiwanis Club; and the Morristown Country Club; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, J.B. Shockley enjoyed the loving companionship of Shirley Booker Shockley and was the proud parent of daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Mike Hinkle, and son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Paula Shockley; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Shockley was preceded in death by a brother, Dayton Shockley; he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Matthew and Megan Harville, Tara Hinkle, and Jonathan and Danielle Shockley; brothers Doyle and Dillon Shockley, sisters Lovada Harville, Cloda Coffey and Barbara Burke; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, as an elected official and as a committed educator and community leader;

compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors;
and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional and effective legislator, educator, civic leader, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our colleague, J. B. Shockley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his widow, Shirley, and the family of Mr. Shockley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy